

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

In re:)	
)	
PUSHMATAHA COUNTY – CITY OF)	
ANTLERS HOSPITAL AUTHORITY,)	Case No. 16-81001
)	Chapter 9
Debtor.)	

PATIENT CARE OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Deborah Burian, the duly appointed patient care ombudsman, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 333(b)(2) files hereby her fourteenth periodic report, for the period December 16, 2018 to February 23, 2019.

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Patient Care Ombudsman's Fourteenth Report in re: Pushmataha County Hospital – City of Antlers Healthcare Authority

Case 16-81001

COMES NOW, Deborah Burian, Patient Care Ombudsman (“Ombudsman”) and pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 333 submits her Fourteenth report.

Factual Background

On the 20th day of October 2016, the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Oklahoma appointed Deborah Burian as Patient Care Ombudsman in the case of Pushmataha County Hospital – City of Antlers Healthcare Authority.

This is the Ombudsman's Fourteenth report and includes the reporting period from December 16th, 2018 through February 23, 2019.

Basis of Review

As a condition of participation in Medicare, the primary payor for most hospitals, facilities must be surveyed and ensured to be in compliance with the Medicare Conditions of Participation (42 CFR Part 485 Subpart F) by an approved body. This survey is completed by a state regulatory agency (Oklahoma State Department of Health - OSDH) or a private accrediting agency; most commonly the Joint Commission on Health Care Accreditation (JCAHO). Pushmataha County Hospital, herein referred to as “Pushmataha” is currently licensed and certified by the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH).

Pushmataha also participates in the Medicare program as a “Swing Bed” facility and is certified to provide Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) care to approved patients.

For all healthcare facilities, care standards are established by regulation; regulations are then translated at the federal and state levels with “interpretive guidelines.” These guidelines provide a map for the generally accepted quality of care which must be provided. States may have additional guidance; where that guidance may differ at the state and federal levels, the more stringent regulation applies. Throughout the Ombudsman's monitoring role, in addition to other issues which may arise, Ombudsman is assessing whether observed care and services meet those requirements.

Sixty-Day Review

- 1) During the 60-day period of this review, Ombudsman maintained contact with facility to monitor operations and address any concerns which might arise. A site visit was conducted on January 8, 2019.

- 2) During the site visit, Ombudsman conducted overall facility rounds and investigated prior issues including the temperature of the handwashing sinks in the kitchen and the preventative maintenance of medical and facility equipment. Compliance was observed to be greatly improved during last visit, however, areas remain at high risk and will continue to be monitored. Ombudsman additionally interviewed patients, family members and staff regarding patient care and facility operations, no complaints nor concerns were received.
- 3) Ombudsman tested sink temperatures using an appropriately calibrated thermometer. Water temperature was measured at 132 degrees Fahrenheit (F) which continues to meet the recommended minimum temperature of "at least 100 Fahrenheit noted at OAC:257-9.14. The facility is in compliance with state guidelines for sanitation regarding hand washing temperatures. A second sink, in a location convenient for hand-washing, does not maintain appropriate temperatures and it was recommended the sink be labeled as "not for handwashing."
- 4) Ombudsman observed meal trays and compared trays with physician orders. All meals were provided in compliance with the noted orders and no concerns were noted. Dietary staff report no difficulties with ordering and receiving needed supplies and equipment. Refrigerated and frozen foods were appropriately dated and well within approved usage dates.
- 5) During the monitoring period and during the site visit, there were no complaints nor concerns voiced regarding direct patient care or staffing.
- 6) The ombudsman had previously identified a concern regarding the ongoing provision of preventative maintenance of diagnostic and durable medical equipment, as required at CFR 482.41 (c)(2) "Facilities, supplies, and equipment must be maintained to ensure an acceptable level of safety and quality. No issues were noted during the site visit.
- 7) In the next 60 days Ombudsman will continue to monitor and will address any concerns as they may arise.

Wherefore, Ombudsman, Deborah Burian prays the court accept and approve this 60-day report of Deborah Burian and for such other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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